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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Akio KOYAMA

Appln. No.: 09/914,474

Group Art Unit: 2826

Filed: August 29, 2001

Examiner: F. Abraham

For: A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND A METHOD OF MANUFACTURING
THE SAME

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J. McDaniel
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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 6, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests that the requirement for restriction be withdrawn.

The present application is a PCT National Stage application and, as such, is not subject to restriction practice. Rather, unity of invention practice applies.

See MPEP § 1893.03(d). Accordingly, the restriction requirement is improper and should be withdrawn.

For the sake of completeness of this Response,
Applicant provisionally elects the claims of Group I